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In re Application of Henry W. Bonk, et. al.

Application No. 10/784,090 Filed: February 20, 2004

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 8, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(21) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed March 22, 2006, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(b). As no claim was allowed, the application became abandoned after midnight May 22, 2006. See MPEP 1215.04.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b), in that, petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an appeal brief and \$500 fee; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1772, for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

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